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Application No. : 10/711,371

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Title

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Sir:

In reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application Filed Under 37 CFR 1.53(b) mailed November 19, 2004 (copy attached), Applicants attach the original signed copy of the originally filed Declaration for the above-identified application.

In the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, the Patent Office alleges that the signature of Matt Bell (also known as Matthew Bell) is missing from the Declaration. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Applications respectfully submit that the signature of Matt Bell is not missing from the Declaration. The original signed Declaration is attached and clearly includes the signature of Matt Bell. Applicants submit that the signature of Matt Bell was written lightly and thus, did not transfer as clearly as desired when the nonprovisional application and associated Declaration were electronically filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 14, 2004.

Also attached is a copy of the electronically filed Declaration from the Private Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system of the Patent Office. Applicants submit that the signature of Matt Bell is evident in the PAIR system copy.

Applicants were not aware that the signature of Matt Bell did not electronically transfer as clearly as desired by the Patent Office at the time of the electronic filing of the application. Applicants submit that the signature of Matt Bell is evident in the PAIR system copy and supported by submission of the original signed Declaration. Thus, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for examination.

Further, as the signature of Matt Bell is evident on the PAIR system copy of the Declaration and supported by the original signed Declaration, Applicants submit that the oath or declaration surcharge of \$65.00 for a small entity should not be charged.

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Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated November 22, 2004
Reply to Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application of November 19, 2004

Should the Patent Office believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for examination or if the Patent Office has any further questions or comments, the Patent Office is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number or electronic mail address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: November 22, 2004

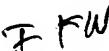
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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The signature of the following inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:
 Matt Bell
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$65 for a Small Entity

• \$65 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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